

# Nomination Form

## Section Representative to the Board of Directors

Term 2020-2023

Please limit Nomination Information to 4 pages

- 1) Provide your candidate's name, affiliation and full contact information, including email address and phone:

Michael C. Smith  
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- 2) I am nominating this person as a MEDIUM Section Representative to the Board of Directors.
- 3) This candidate is a member of the Computer and Technology Section, which is a MEDIUM Section.
- 4) Briefly describe your candidate's personal background, character and contributions to their community.

Mr. Smith practices law in his hometown of Marshall, Texas, where he has served on the local city council and has been very active in numerous civic and community organizations.

- 5) Describe your candidate's professional achievements and commitment to the legal profession.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Texas Bar Foundation and the American Board of Trial Advocates, and is a Life Fellow of both groups. He has been a leader in bar organizations at multiple levels, serving as an officer or president in numerous local, state and specialty bar groups

- 6) Describe your nominee's participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.

Mr. Smith has served as chair of both the *Texas Bar Journal* editorial board and the Litigation Section, and currently serves on the Intellectual Property Law section council. He is a past recipient of a State Bar Presidential Citation, an Outstanding Third Year Director award, and a "Standing Ovation" award from TexasBar CLE. He previously served on the State Bar board from 2008-2010 as an elected director, and was selected by the State Bar board as a President – elect nominee in 2016.

- 7) Provide *your* full contact information including email address and phone.

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- 8) Please acknowledge that you have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.

Mr. Smith is familiar with the duties and purposes of this position, and has verified he is willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.

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**MICHAEL C. SMITH** is the managing partner of Siebman Forrest's Marshall and Tyler offices, where he assists clients with complex commercial and patent litigation in state and federal courts.

Mr. Smith, who has appeared as counsel of record in over 900 cases in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, served as chairman of the District's Local Rules Advisory Committee from 2000-2009. He has also been editor of the *O'Connor's Federal Rules \* Civil Trials* handbook on federal civil procedure since 1998, and maintains the nationally recognized *Eastern District of Texas Federal Court Practice* web log at [www.EDTexweblog.com](http://www.EDTexweblog.com).

Mr. Smith served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 2005-08, where he received a Presidential Citation and was recognized as *Outstanding Third Year Director*. He has chaired both the editorial board for the *Texas Bar Journal*, and the State Bar's Litigation Section, and currently serves on the governing council of the IP Law Section. In 2016 the State Bar's board of directors selected him as one of two nominees for President-elect. Mr. Smith is a past president of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, East Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and the Harrison County Bar Association, and is a charter member of the T. John Ward American Inn of Court, and an Associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, where he has served as president of the East Texas ABOTA chapter. He is also a Life Fellow of the ABOTA Foundation, and a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He has been selected for inclusion in each of the *Texas Super Lawyers* lists since 2008, and is a recipient of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation's *Cy Pres: Impact on Justice* award, TexasBarCLE's *Standing Ovation* award, and the *Sam B. Hall, Jr. Civic Service* award from East Texas Baptist University. In 2012, *Texas Lawyer* named Mr. Smith one of four *Top Notch* lawyers in Texas in intellectual property.

Mr. Smith holds a law degree from Baylor University, a master's degree in public administration from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, and a bachelor's degree from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M - Commerce). Before entering private practice, he served as a law clerk for the late U.S. District Judge Sam B. Hall, Jr. of the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall and Texarkana Divisions, and worked in Baylor University's Office of General Counsel. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Smith worked for the Texas General Land Office and the Texas Education Agency in Austin, Texas, and the National Commission to Prevent Infant Mortality in Washington, D.C..

Mr. Smith, a Marshall native, served on the Marshall City Commission for three terms, from 1996-2002, and is a former president of the Harrison County Historical Museum and the Citizens Advisory Committee and a current member of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mr. Smith is married to Harrison County Treasurer Jamie Marie Noland. They have three sons, Grayson, 20 and twins Collin & Parker, 17. The Smiths attend St. Josephs Catholic Church in Marshall, where Mr. Smith serves as a lector and on the finance and building committees. He is also a 28-year Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

In addition to his legal writings, Mr. Smith is the sole inventor on two U.S. patents, the author of two books on aircraft carriers, and owner of a prominent Marshall pizza restaurant. In 2010 he was recognized by the Marshall Historic Landmark Preservation Board for renovating the historic Hub Shoe Store offices for use by his law firm.